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## Department of Defense Instruction

SUBJECT Occasions Upon Which The Uniform of Any of The Armed Forces May Be Worn By Persons Honorably Discharged Therefrom

### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this instruction is to prescribe the occasions upon which the uniform of any of the Armed Forces may be worn by persons honorably discharged therefrom.

### II. POLICY

A. Eligibility. Any person who has served honorably in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard of the United States during war, and whose most recent service was terminated under honorable conditions, shall, although not in the active military service of the United States, be entitled to wear the uniform of the highest grade held during his or her war service upon the following occasions of ceremony:

1. Military funerals, memorial services, and inaugurations.
2. Patriotic parades on national holidays; or other military parades or ceremonies in which any active or reserve United States military unit is taking part.

Nothing in the foregoing shall prevent the wearing of uniforms when otherwise authorized by law.

B. Persons Awarded the Medal of Honor. Persons awarded the Medal of Honor are authorized to wear the uniform at any time except as prohibited below.

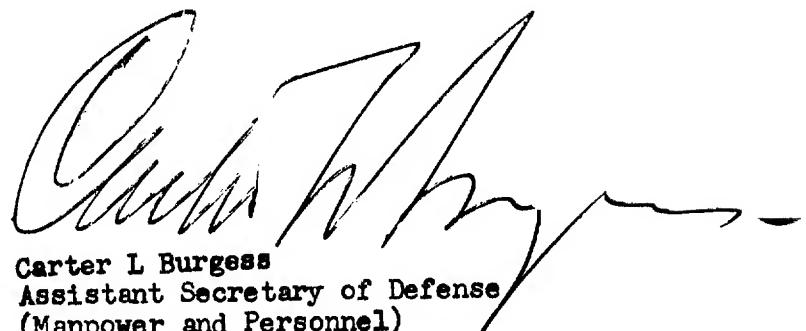
C. Occasions Upon Which Prohibited. Wearing of the uniform is prohibited:

1. At any meeting or demonstration which is a function of, or sponsored by, any organization, association, movement, group, or combination of persons which the Attorney General of the United States has designated as totalitarian, fascist, communist, or subversive, or as having adopted a policy of advocating or approving the commission of acts of force or violence to deny others their rights under the Constitution of the United States, or as seeking to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means.

2. In connection with non-military activities of a business or commercial nature.
  3. Under any circumstances which would tend to bring discredit or reproach upon the uniform.
- D. Travel. Authority to wear the uniform includes periods while traveling to and from the ceremony, provided such travel in uniform is performed within 24 hours of the time of the ceremony. When the uniform is worn under the provisions of this instruction by honorably discharged personnel who served during World War II, the Honorable Discharge Emblem shall be worn.

III. ACTION REQUIRED

It is desired that each of the military departments forward to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Personnel), within 60 days following the date of this instruction copies of the instructions to implement and disseminate the foregoing.



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### INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECIPIENTS

The following pen changes are to be made in Department of Defense Instruction 1334.1, "Occasions Upon Which The Uniform of Any of The Armed Forces May Be Worn By Persons Honorably Discharged Therefrom", dated March 3, 1955:

#### PEN CHANGES

Section II, Paragraph A, Line 2 -

Delete ", or Coast Guard"

Insert the word "or" between "Air Force" and "Marine Corps"

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